



Pacific Beach
United Methodist Church

BEACH BREEZE

A Monthly Newsletter From Pacific Beach United Methodist Church

November 2018

Second Sunday Concert in November

by Ron Jessee

Our Second Sunday Concert in November will feature the Seaside Quartet, a virtuoso instrumental ensemble comprised of our own pianist Brenda Martin, violinists Philip Tyler, and Päivikki Nykter with cellist Cecilia Kim. Their collaboration and exquisite musical taste have produced highly acclaimed performances in the San Diego area.

Remember, all Second Sunday concerts are complimentary, and take place within the comfort of our sanctuary. Don't miss this amazing one-hour concert on Sunday, November 11th, at 2:00 pm.



Coming Soon

Introducing a New PB UMC Youth Group Fundraiser!

Need Help Hanging Holiday Lights? Hire a couple of teenagers to help hang your holiday lights, put up your tree, and/or decorate your home! We are also available to remove the lights after Christmas.

Donations gratefully accepted to help fund PB UMC summer youth programs. Sign up with Dart R. or Dee B. (Spaces are limited, sign up soon!)

Dart – dartr@pbumc.org, (858) 275-4079
Dee – deeb@pbumc.org (619) 248-9841

Christmas Boutique

Back by popular demand, our Christmas Boutique will be held Sunday, December 2nd. There will be Cookie Lee Jewelry at 50% discount clearance, Color Street Nail Strips, Hawaiian apparel, Christmas Crafts, make up, artwork, and other jewelry. If you have a business and want to rent a table and offer a raffle item, please text JoAnne A. at 858-761-7415. Booth rental fee is \$50.

Pastor Bob's Printed Blog

Dear Friends . . .

During our Stewardship series last month entitled "How Will You Measure Your Life?" I challenged you, members of this congregation, to make a tangible difference in the lives of the people around you. To be clear, this idea was not my own original thought, but something I heard about and decided to share with all of you.

The idea goes like this. The first thing we need is three objects that might fit in a pocket. I suggested three pennies because they are available and inexpensive. For me, I'm using three guitar picks. Feel free to express yourselves, but be sure it's something you're willing to carry with you! Once you have these with you, look for ways to show love and care to someone. One example might be to notice if a co-worker or friend is having a difficult day, and offer to take a few minutes for coffee and conversation. The possibilities are endless! But be sure you take some time to express this care. Try to aim for at least ten minutes.

When you've done this, move your penny (or other small object) from one of your pockets to the other as a sign that you've shown care to someone. The reason to carry three pennies is to help you to do this three times in a week. The challenge is to do this every week for a full year. If you're able to reach this goal, you have the potential to touch 156 lives in positive ways over the course of the year. And if we all do this, our congregation has the potential to touch more than 20,000 lives!

But there's something else. Not only do we have the opportunity to touch lives, we may find that our lives are touched as well. An acquaintance I met years ago in Seminary posted a story on Facebook that I'd like to share with you (with his permission). Here is his full story:

On my way home from work, I decided to stop at a McDonald's to get a Southwest Chicken Salad and after pulling up and getting out of my car, I see a man on his knees searching for something on the ground. I asked him if he needed help with anything and he said that he needed to find his cane because he was blind. I saw it about fifteen feet away and picked it up and brought it to him. When I gave it to him he told me that a teenager kicked it out of his hand and threw it across the parking lot after asking for help. I told him how awful that was and asked him if he was going to get food. He said he was and he said he was going in there to wait for someone because he didn't want to be in the cold. I asked if I could buy him dinner and he excitedly said yes.

After buying food we sat down and he asked me how old I was. I told him I was 31. He asked me if I studied in school and told him I was getting a masters degree in counseling but had a masters in theology as well. I said to him, "You don't have to respond to this but I would love to hear about what being blind has been like for you."

"I wasn't born blind. I went blind. I had to learn how to adjust my life in every single way from how I tied my shoes, to eating, to transportation and my living situation. All of that aside, I now feel less blind than when I had sight. Just because you have eyes doesn't mean you see life clearly. That young man who kicked my cane out of my hands, he is blind. Cruelty and hate blinds you, love allows you to see. When you mistreat others, you close your eyes to them. When you love someone, you take time to see them. You saw me today and that's how I know love is in you. Love heals our eyes. When we are seen, we open our eyes and can see. When we listen to others, we give them a voice. You are giving me a voice right now. I see the world more clearly now. I know the pain of not being seen and heard made me close my eyes to the world. I know being seen has made me want to love more people and take the time to notice them. Love opens our eyes. Hate closes them. I love when Gandhi said that an eye for an eye leaves the whole world blind."

"That's really powerful stuff!" I said to him.

"The world is blind because it is so scared and angry. We need the love right now. That's the truth!"

Shortly after saying that, a man came in calling his name and helped him leave the place so he could get home. What he didn't know was how much his words were much needed for me because of a life struggle that I have been dealing with for the last month. God meets us in mysterious and strange ways.

Friends, remember that our call to transform the world usually leads to our own transformation as well. May we continue to meet God in mysterious and strange and wonderful ways.



Pastor Bob

We Care for One Another

Ladies' Get Together

by Dart R.

The next Ladies' Event will be Saturday, November 10th at noon. We will meet for lunch at Mamma Mia Italian Restaurant, 1932 Balboa Ave, San Diego, CA 92109. Lunch will be followed by Holiday Crafting at PB UMC. Join us for either or both. Watch for Evites in your email box. We look forward to spending time with you!

Grace & Dine Lunch Bunch

Mark November 11th on your calendar and join the Second Sunday Grace & Dine Lunch Bunch about noon, after the second worship service. This month's lunch is at Broken Yoke Café, 1851 Garnet Ave, Pacific Beach. Everyone is welcome, including families with children. After our meal, many will return to the PB UMC sanctuary for the Second Sunday Concert at 2:00 pm. (See p.1)

Please contact Marcia (marciam@pbumc.org) to make reservations and to learn more about parking near the Café.



by Pam R.

Once again we have an opportunity to share blessings with those less fortunate. PB UMC will be donating seven Christmas food baskets for low-income families who sign up with Community Christian Services Agency. The goal for CCSA is to distribute baskets containing non-perishable food items and a \$35 Target or Walmart gift card to be used for perishable foods, to an estimated 200 families.

What can you do? You can donate groceries or gift cards; see Pam R. or Hope A. for more specific information. You can also donate cash in the Sunday collection plate (note "Christmas Baskets" on the envelope) or donate online. Your generosity last year allowed us to provide extra gift cards, so let's repeat that success. We'll assemble the baskets after the second service on Sunday, Dec. 9th. For more information and a list of recommended groceries, see www.ccsasandiego.org.

PB UMC at *All Is Calm*

San Diego Opera is presenting *All is Calm*, a family friendly chamber opera at the Balboa Theatre. The opera is based on real-life events along the Western Front during World War I, when soldiers ventured into no-man's land on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Soldiers from opposing forces exchanged food and gifts, played football, and sang Christmas carols. The truce was unofficial and unsanctioned; The soldiers were ordered back to fight for another bloody four years. *All is Calm* is a testament to humanity and unity.

Joan F. has arranged a special discount for our members and friends to attend this production on December 7th, 8th, or 9th at Balboa Theater. To book your seat, go to <https://www.sdopera.org/pbumc>. More information on the show is found at: All Is Calm - The Christmas Truce of 1914.

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We Grow in Grace & Faith

November Youth Ministry Activities

Please contact Dee Baraw for more information about any of the youth activities or our Youth Ministries Program: deeb@pbumc.org.

Saturday, November 3-Friday, November 9

Dee is on Vacation

Sunday, November 4

Youth remain in Worship. A couple of youth are needed to be acolytes and to serve communion.

Sunday, November 11

11:45 am-1:45 pm, UMYF Meets for lunch and an activity. RSVP

Saturday, November 17

Event at Santee UMC. Craft sale. Youth needed to help at a booth teaching some camp crafts to help earn District Camp scholarships. Talk to Dee for details.

Sunday, November 18

UMYF and Best Group stay for lunch and make some decorations for the Wednesday night Project Grace meal.

Tuesday, November 20

TBD. Let Dee know if you are out of school.

Wednesday, November 21

5:30 pm, Project Grace Thanksgiving Dinner. Volunteers needed to help serve.

Sunday, November 25

UMYF, if you are in town, we'll do Balboa Park (weather permitting) or a mall photo scavenger hunt.

Sunday School News

by Malea S.

Public and private schools are learning the importance of group projects and working on teamwork among their students. It has been shown that knowing how to work well with others is an important skill as they join the work force (and the general community). I think in churches we have been doing this kind of work all along with children and youth. A few weeks ago in Sunday School I divided up pieces to a large puzzle among all the children. They had to work together to complete the puzzle. It was great to see how well they worked with each other! The older children helped the younger ones find where their pieces fit. They were all proud of what they had accomplished together!



Sunday School Group Project

Photo by Malea S.

Youth: Save the Date

Sunday, December 2 is the beginning of Advent this year. We will have prayer stations for you to spend time in reflection in the chapel; plan to come a little early. In the evening, we will have an advent kick-off celebration including a potluck, crafts, advent activities, and carol singing. See more about that in the next *Beach Breeze*.

Bible Study Group

"God's World and God's People"

The Sunday morning Bible Study group continues during the month of November. Join them any Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Lanai.

God Blesses and Creates Regardless

The readings for November are:

- November 4, A Troubled Birth, Genesis 25:19-34
- November 11, Jacob Receives Isaac's Blessing, Genesis 27:5-10, 18-19, 21-29
- November 18, Jacob Forms a Relationship With God, Genesis 28:10-22
- November 25, God Blesses Jacob and Rachel, Genesis 30:22-32, 43

We Reach Out to Others

Annual Church Conference

Save the date! Our annual Church Conference will be held here at PB UMC in our Social Hall on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 6:30 pm. The Rev. Jessica Stryko will preside. To know what happens at a Church Conference, check out p.4 of the October *Beach Breeze*.

Sign-Up for Thanksgiving Turkey Donations

by Chef Ben

Our San Diego Project Grace Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, will be held on November 21st this year. We have a need for donations of approximately twenty (20) cooked turkeys to serve to our guests. We will also need people to help carve, serve the meal, cut pies, pour drinks, clean-up after the event, and just sit and talk with our guests. If you are willing to cook a turkey (or two) as a donation, please sign up on the list that will be in the church entry area before and after worship, starting Sunday, October 28th.



We ask that the cooked and sliced turkeys be delivered to the church on Sunday, November 18th, or Tuesday morning, November 20th. If you are willing to donate a turkey but cannot cook it, please deliver the turkeys no later than Sunday, November 11th, so there will be ample thawing time for any that are frozen.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Chef Ben or the church office.

Thank you for your generosity to our guests!

Member News

A New Baby

Dustin Leo Y. was born September 24, 2018, to proud parents Jenn and Mike. He joins big sister Samantha.

Baptism

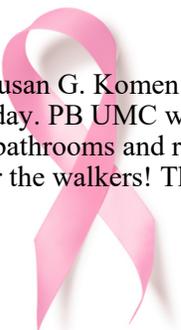
Jaden Hendrix H. Born September 19, 2017, was baptized on October 7 at the 9:00 am service.

And Passing

We hold in prayer our sibling in Christ, Steve F., who has finished his course in faith and now rests from his labors. Steve passed away October 8, 2018. We hold Steve's family and all who have experienced his loving spirit in prayer. A memorial service will be held at the church Saturday, December 1, 2018, at 1:00 pm.

Breast Cancer Walk

The Susan G. Komen 3-Day Breast Cancer Walk will pass by PB UMC early on the morning of November 18th, a Sunday. PB UMC will be decorating with balloons and ribbons, and will post a sign welcoming walkers to use our bathrooms and refill their water bottles. If you have some time before or after the first service, please feel free to cheer for the walkers! This will be their third day of walking twenty miles per day,



Circle of Support

September 2018 Record of Generosity

	Budget	Actual
September giving	\$22,893	\$19,783
September other sources of income	\$15,498	\$17,068
September total available for ministry	\$38,391	\$36,851
September expended in ministry	\$34,507	\$31,544
September income minus expenses	\$3,884	\$5,307
YTD giving	\$206,034	\$188,861
YTD other sources of income	\$105,544	\$108,681
YTD total available for ministry	\$311,578	\$297,542
YTD expended in ministry	\$313,561	\$292,532
YTD income minus expenses	(\$1,983)	\$5,010
Year 2018 budget	\$417,081	

Reflections From the Finance & Stewardship Team

People are keeping on top of their pledged giving, and we really appreciate it! In September we received quarterly draws from the Sabatka and Prewitt legacies of love (i.e., endowment funds), which puts our income ahead of expenses by over \$5,000 this month and year-to-date. Our projection, though, is to come out about even at year end.

Please remember to turn in your 2019 pledge cards if you haven't done so already. These cards help us to set an accurate budget for the coming year.

Sharing the Grace of God in Worship

Sept 30 – 129 persons
 Oct 7 – 142 persons
 Oct 14 – 124 persons (No Livestream)
 Oct 21 – 118 persons
 Oct 28 – 140 persons

Avg. Weekly (2018) – 141 persons

Joined at Christ's Table on Wednesday Nights

Sept 26 – 160 persons
 Oct 3 – 150 persons
 Oct 10 – 114 persons
 Oct 17 – 170 persons
 Oct 24 – 142 persons

November Communion Offering

PB UMC Church School Programs

This month our communion offering will support the part of our budget that pays for the PB UMC Sunday School curriculum and supplies that we use with our children and youth. We are excited to have children in our midst and eager to help them learn the stories of the Bible, grow in their awareness of God, and translate their faith into everyday action. We give thanks for the dedication of our Sunday School teachers, and we provide those teachers with the materials they need for their lessons to be a success. Thank you in advance for your support.

Fellowship Volunteers

There are open slots in the November schedule for people to donate refreshments to be served after each Sunday service at Fellowship Time. There are also openings for hosts at the refreshments table. Contact refreshments coordinator Ray Mc. at mccuneray@hotmail.com or (512) 507-9061.

Thanks to Hope A. for a graceful-looking net to keep the snacks protected! (See p.7)

CHURCH STAFF:

Lead Pastor: The Rev Bob Rhodes
 Sojourning Pastor: The Rev Christopher Carter, PhD
 Office Administrator: Aimee Kay

Music Director: Ron Jessee
 Sunday School Coordinator: Malea Sandstrom
 Youth Ministry Coordinator: Dee Baraw

Calendar of Events

Worship Times:

9:00 am, **Worship Celebration**

10:30 am, **Worship Celebration**

Sunday Music Rehearsals:
8 am, **Voices of Praise**
(Adults & Youth)
10 am, **Grace Notes**

Week 1

- Thurs, Nov 1 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 2 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 3 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
9:00 am, Community Service With PB
Street Guardians



Week 4

- Sun, Nov 18 Worship
UMYF and Best Group Lunch & Crafts (p.4)
Mon, Nov 19 December *Beach Breeze* Deadline
Church Office Closed
5:30 pm, Bible Study (Scripture & Sermon)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 20 Youth activity (p.4)
Wed, Nov 21 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace Thanksgiving
Dinner
Thurs, Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day — Office Closed
Fri, Nov 23 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 2

- Sun, Nov 4 Worship and Communion
Youth in Worship (p.4)
Mon, Nov 5 Election polls set-up. No group meetings in
the Social Hall this Monday or Tuesday.
5:30 pm, Bible Study (Scripture & Sermon)
6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 6 Election Day—**Don't Forget to Vote!**
Wed, Nov 7 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 8 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 9 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 10 Noon, Ladies' Lunch & Crafting (p.3)



New Refreshment Cover
—made by
Hope A.



Week 5

- Sun, Nov 25 Worship
Youth activity(p.4)
Mon, Nov 26 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 27 9:00 am, December *Beach Breeze*
Folding Party
6:30 pm, Church Conference (p.5)
Wed, Nov 28 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
5:30 pm, Storefront Ministry
Thurs, Nov 29 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 30 7:30 pm, Narc Anon

Week 3

- Sun, Nov 11 Worship
Veterans Day
Noon Grace & Dine Lunch Bunch (p.3)
2:00 pm, Second Sunday Concert (p.1)
Youth—TBA (p.4)
Mon, Nov 12 6:00 pm, Al-Anon
Tues, Nov 13 6:00 pm, Staff - Parish meeting
6:30 pm, Trustee meeting
7:30 pm, Finance Committee
Wed, Nov 14 11:30 am, Scripture & Sermon Study
5:30 pm, SD Project Grace
Thurs, Nov 15 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Fri, Nov 16 7:30 pm, Narc Anon
Sat, Nov 17 9:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilters
Youth event at Santee UMC (p.4)



October Ladies'
Brunch at Arely's

Photo by Vicki T.

We Love and Worship God

November Scriptures

Mystery Sermon Series

November 4, 2018 “Disoriented”	Job 1:1, 2:1-10
November 11, 2018 “Deserted”	Job 23:1-9, 16-17
November 18, 2018 “Silenced”	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)
November 25, 2018 “Restored”	Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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Meet One of Our Techies: Bruce T.

by Roving Reporter Marcia M.

I recently had a fun conversation with one of our Sound Techies, Bruce T., and his wife Sheryl.

When I asked them how long they’ve been coming to PB UMC, Bruce told me “12 years. My wife and daughter had been church shopping because we felt like we needed a new church. One day they just wandered into PB UMC. They liked it and we all went the next Sunday. The first thing that hit me was the music. It was (and is) totally amazing.”

I asked Bruce how he became one of our Sound Techies. He told me, “I was approached by another member of the church, Craig R. I know Craig because he and I both work at General Atomics. He asked me if I’d consider taking on a role in support of the church. I told him I’d be interested in tech stuff, and was soon learning sound with Joe P.”

I asked him if he enjoyed the task and if it requires any special talent from him. He told me, “Even though I am sort of a techie guy, this is all new to me. I never ran a sound board before. I knew what a sound board was and how it worked. I just did not know how to use it.” He told me it wasn’t that hard, and he now totally loves running sound because it’s great contributing to the service, especially the music portion.

When I asked if there was anything else they wanted to share with us, Bruce and Sheryl told me they are both interested in working toward getting more members for PB UMC and have some ideas on how to do that. Bruce is putting a focus on improving the livestream of our service. Sheryl is interested in improving the attractiveness of our church services to potential new members.

They shared with me that they both love music. “We met in college because of our musical interests. We were both in the University of Arizona marching band.” The three of us enjoyed sharing about being in marching bands. (I was in the marching band in high school.) I really enjoyed getting to know the Trumbos and hope you will, too.

